
Farm Bill Participant

Contract Number

Purpose: To provide access to drinking water for livestock and/or wildlife in order to meet daily water requirements and improve animal distribution. This practice will be applied in the Action Area to facilitate prescribed grazing (528) by providing access to drinking water for livestock in order to meet daily water requirements and improve animal distribution to conserve or enhance important LPC habitat.

I. NRCS will:

- Assist producers with a design for the construction of a watering facility consistent with NRCS Conservation Practice Standards and Specification: Watering Facility Code 614.
- Prepare a design that meets the Conservation Measures outlined in the Lesser Prairie-Chicken (LPC) Initiative Biological Opinion providing ESA predictability.
 - ☐ Timing of treatment^a (check one);
 - ☐ no restriction
 - ☐ prohibited March 1st – July 15th
 - ☐ Plan the installation of a wildlife escape ramp under Wildlife Structures (649)
 - ☐ Evaluate the site's potential for soil erosion and invasion of undesirable species
 - ☐ Design practice to minimize or avoid loss of shrubs during installation
 - ☐ Use site specific reclamation strategies developed using ecological site descriptions with timing of planting and post-establishment management as per local site conditions
- Provide a copy of the Watering Facility design on the appropriate Job Sheet and plan map for guidance on construction.
- Identify and plan other supporting conservation practices (Critical Area Planting, Wildlife Structures, etc.) as needed and in accordance with Biological Opinion.
- Certify practice meets standards and implementation specifications.^b

II. Participant will:

- Construct Watering Facility within the time constraints identified above and specified in the Conservation Plan provided by NRCS.
- Limit duration of construction period to the minimum time practicable.
- Ensure that machinery associated with the practice is clean and free of vegetative debris prior to use to prevent the spread of invasive plant species.
- Construct Watering Facility in accordance with Job Sheet design and specifications provided by NRCS.
- Notify NRCS upon completion of practice.
- Regularly monitor and control State-listed noxious and invasive plants after construction.
- Regularly monitor site after implementation to ensure erosion and invasive weed issues are addressed quickly.

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- Provide required maintenance to ensure the function of the practice as designed.
- Limit access to site for operation and maintenance to one vehicle width and to one side of facility.

a should a lek be discovered within ½ mile of project area, installation shall not occur from March 1st – July 15th.

b any payment will only be processed upon practice certification by NRCS personnel.

I understand the requirements of the practice, and my questions concerning the practice have been answered. I further understand that a failure to adhere to the above requirements may jeopardize any and all payments and ESA predictabilities provided by the LPCI Biological Opinion.

Participant Signature

Date